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private individuals. Article 8 of the ECHR has thus been accorded mittelbare Drittwirkung or indirect 'third-party' effect in private law relationships. The German law of privacy, centring on the "allgemeines Persönlichkeitsrecht", has quite a long history, and the influence of the European Court of Human Rights' int

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